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FOR MRS. HELEN LUTZ

231 MAIN ST.

MILLBURN, NEW JERSEY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CDES (KENNETH CHARLES WHEELER)

SUBJECT: DEATH OF KENNETH CHARLES WHEELER

REF: STATE 226070

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST CONTACT YOU CONCERNING THE DEATH OF YOUR GRANDSON KENNETH WHEELER WHO PASSED AWAY SEPTEMBER 9 IN SEOUL, KOREA.
2. YOUR GRANDSON HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED THROUGH EMBASSY RECORDS.
3. THE EMBASSY WILL TAKE CHARGE OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS AND WILL WRITE YOU CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITION.
4. REGRETFULLY, I MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. THE U.S. ARMY REQUESTS PERMISSION TO CONDUCT AN AUTOPSY ON MR. WHEELER. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR GRANDSON'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AND AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, REQUIRES A DEPOSIT OF \$1500. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST IS \$250. THE COST OF CREMATION IS TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS. ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

5. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING

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ACTIONS: A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO

AMERICAN EMBASSY, SEOUL, KOREA AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED. B) TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH EITHER THE BANK OF AMERICA OR CHASE MANHATTAN BANK AT SEOUL PAYABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY. C) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE U.S., YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

6. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH PREPARED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

7. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS POST BY PHONING 72-2601 EXTENSION 4442 IN SEOUL.

8. BE ASSURED OF MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.
AMEMBASSY
SEOUL, KOREA.
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